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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
 6) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. Claims 1-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

In claim 1, the recitation "a second interface with an insulating material laterally sounding the first track, . . . , the first rack further comprising at least one additional interface with an insulating material, placed at a distance from the first connection which is substantially less than a width of the first track at the first interface." Is not understood and is confusing. Is a second interface similar to the first interface of the first track? If so, how could the second interface be with an insulating material? Should not it be with a second conducting connection? Similar to the second interface, one additional interface (with an insulating material). Where is the exact location of the width of the first track at the first interface? Do the Applicants mean to say "the width of the first track" which is, for example L1 shown in Fig. 2.

References Cited

2. Nozaki (US 5,502,337) shows an electrical connection device between a first conducting track 3a and a second conducting track 3b of an integrated circuit comprising a first conducting connection 6b between the first track and the second track, the first track 3a having a first interface with the first connection and the second

track having a second interface. However, Nozaki fails to teach that the second interface disposed with an insulating material laterally surrounding the second track.

Please also see Miyamoto et al. (US 6,774,024 B2), Buynoski (US 6,218,282 B1), Yamaha (US 6,297,563 B1), Higgins, III (US 5,434,452), Ewen et al. (US 5,446,311), Bartelink (US 5,457,344), Sato (US 5,739,587), Albinsson (US 6,501181 B2), Miyamoto et al. (US 6,774,024 B2), and Okada et al. (EP 0 393 635 A2).

Telephone Inquiry Contacts

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jasmine J Clark whose telephone number is (571) 272-1726. The examiner can normally be reached on Flex.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Tom Thomas can be reached on (571) 272-1664. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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